

*In the Claims:*

Please amend the claims as shown in the following pages.

1 - 80. (cancelled)

81. (new) A method for allowing relatively rapid entry of securities orders into a computer system, the method comprising:

receiving input comprising at least one generic security order preference;  
storing at least one generic security order preference in a memory; and  
automatically using at least one generic security order preference as a default value in response to a user placing an order for at least one security for which a security-specific order preference has not been defined.

82. (new) The method of claim 81, wherein receiving input comprising at least one generic security order preference comprises presenting a generic security order preferences window to the user, wherein the generic security order preferences window comprises one or more user interface elements that allow the user to specify at least one generic security order preference for securities for which a security-specific order preference has not been defined.

83. (new) The method of claim 81, wherein at least one generic security order preference comprises a number of shares to be used as a default if no security-specific default number of shares is defined for a security.

84. (new) The method of claim 81, wherein at least one generic security order preference comprises a dollar amount of a transaction to be used as a default if no security-specific default dollar amount is defined for a security.

85. (new) The method of claim 81, wherein at least one generic security order preference comprises a limit price to be used as a default if no security-specific default limit price is defined for a security.

86. (new)The method of claim 81, wherein at least one generic security order preference comprises a trailing stop price to be used as a default if no security-specific default trailing stop price is defined for a security.

87. (new)The method of claim 81, wherein at least one generic security order preference comprises a stop loss price to be used as a default if no security-specific default stop loss price is defined for a security.

88. (new)The method of claim 81, wherein at least one generic security order preference comprises a lot indicator to be used as a default if no security-specific default lot indicator is defined for a security.

89. (new)The method of claim 81, wherein at least one generic security order preference comprises a limit price indicator to be used as a default if no security-specific default limit price indicator is defined for a security.

90. (new)The method of claim 81, further comprising:

presenting an order placement window to the user;  
prompting the user to enter a security symbol of a security to be traded;  
presenting order preferences received from the user in the order preferences window as default values, wherein if no security-specific order preferences have been received from the user for the security to be traded, then order preferences presented comprise at least one generic order preference.

91. (new)The method of claim 90, further comprising receiving input from the user modifying at least one of the default values to a desired value.

92. (new) The method of claim 90, further comprising submitting an order for execution based on information in the order placement window.

93. (new) The method of claim 90, further comprising sending an acknowledgement to the user upon execution of the order.

94. (new) The method of claim 81, wherein receiving input comprising at least one generic security order preference comprises providing a web page to the user, wherein the web page comprises controls that allow the user to enter at least one generic security order preference.

95. (new) The method of claim 81, further comprising:

receiving input comprising at least one security-specific order preference for at least one security;

storing at least one security-specific order preference in a memory; and automatically using at least one security-specific order as a default value in response to the user placing an order for at least one security for which at least one security-specific order preference has been stored.

96. (new) The method of claim 95, wherein receiving input comprising at least one security-specific order preference for at least one security comprises presenting a security-specific order preferences window to the user, wherein the security-specific order preferences window comprises one or more user interface elements that allow the user to specify at least one security-specific order preference for at least one security.

97. (new) The method of claim 95, wherein at least one security-specific order preference for at least one security comprises a default number of shares of at least one security to be traded

during a transaction.

98. (new)The method of claim 95, wherein at least one security-specific order preference for at least one security comprises a default dollar amount of at least one security to be traded during a transaction.

99. (new)The method of claim 95, wherein at least one security-specific order preference for at least one security comprises a default limit price for at least one security.

100. (new)The method of claim 95, wherein at least one security-specific order preference for at least one security comprises a default trailing stop price for at least one security.

101. (new)The method of claim 95, wherein at least one security-specific order preference for at least one security comprises a default stop/loss price for at least one security.

102. (new)The method of claim 95, wherein at least one security-specific order preference for at least one security comprises a default lot indicator to be used for transactions of at least one security.

103. (new)The method of claim 95, wherein at least one security-specific order preference for at least one security comprises a default limit price indicator for at least one security.

104. (new) The method of claim 95, further comprising:  
presenting an order placement window to the user, wherein the order placement window comprises one or more user interface elements that allow the user to override one or more of the security-specific order preferences.

105. (new) A system comprising:  
at least one computer system coupled to a network;  
at least one memory couple to the computer system;  
wherein at least one memory comprises program instructions, wherein the program  
instructions are executable by at least one computer system to:  
receive input comprising at least one generic security order preference;  
store at least one generic security order preference in at least one memory; and  
automatically use at least one generic security order preference as a default value in  
response to a user placing an order for at least one security for which a security-  
specific order preference has not been defined.
106. (new) The system of claim 105, wherein receiving input comprising at least one generic  
security order preference comprises presenting a generic security order preferences window to  
the user, wherein the generic security order preferences window comprises one or more user  
interface elements that allow the user to specify at least one generic security order preference  
for securities for which a security-specific order preference has not been defined.
107. (new) The system of claim 105, wherein at least one generic security order preference  
comprises a number of shares to be used as a default if no security-specific default number of  
shares is defined for a security.
108. (new) The system of claim 105, wherein at least one generic security order preference  
comprises a dollar amount of a transaction to be used as a default if no security-specific default  
dollar amount is defined for a security.
109. (new) The system of claim 105, wherein at least one generic security order preference  
comprises a limit price to be used as a default if no security-specific default limit price is

defined for a security.

110. (new)The system of claim 105, wherein at least one generic security order preference comprises a trailing stop price to be used as a default if no security-specific default trailing stop price is defined for a security.

111. (new)The system of claim 105, wherein at least one generic security order preference comprises a stop loss price to be used as a default if no security-specific default stop loss price is defined for a security.

112. (new)The system of claim 105, wherein at least one generic security order preference comprises a lot indicator to be used as a default if no security-specific default lot indicator is defined for a security.

113. (new)The system of claim 105, wherein at least one generic security order preference comprises a limit price indicator to be used as a default if no security-specific default limit price indicator is defined for a security.

114. (new)The system of claim 105, wherein the computer network comprises the Internet.

115. (new)The system of claim 105, wherein the program instructions are further executable to:

present an order placement window to the user;  
prompt the user to enter a security symbol of a security to be traded;  
present order preferences received from the user in the order preferences window as default values, wherein if no security-specific order preferences have been received from the user for the security to be traded, then order preferences

presented comprises at least one generic order preference.

116. (new) The system of claim 115, wherein the program instructions are further executable to receive input from the user modifying at least one of the default values to a desired value.

117. (new) The system of claim 115, wherein the program instructions are further executable to submit an order for execution based on information in the order placement window.

118. (new) The system of claim 115, wherein the program instructions are further executable to send an acknowledgement to the user upon execution of the order.

119. (new) The system of claim 105, wherein receiving input comprising at least one generic security order preference comprises providing a web page to the user, wherein the web page comprises controls that allow the user to enter at least one generic security order preference.

120. (new) The system of claim 105, wherein the program instructions are further executable to:

receive input comprising at least one security-specific order preference for at least one security;

store at least one security-specific order preference in at least one memory; and automatically use at least one security-specific order as a default value in response to the user placing an order for at least one security for which at least one security-specific order preference has been stored.

121. (new) The system of claim 120, wherein receiving input comprising at least one security-specific order preference for at least one security comprises presenting a security-specific order preferences window to the user, wherein the security-specific order preferences window

comprises one or more user interface elements that allow the user to specify at least one security-specific order preference for at least one security.

122. (new)The system of claim 120, wherein at least one security-specific order preference for at least one security comprises a default number of shares of at least one security to be traded during a transaction.

123. (new)The system of claim 120, wherein at least one security-specific order preference for at least one security comprises a default dollar amount of at least one security to be traded during a transaction.

124. (new)The system of claim 120, wherein at least one security-specific order preference for at least one security comprises a default limit price for at least one security.

125. (new)The system of claim 120, wherein at least one security-specific order preference for at least one security comprises a default trailing stop price for at least one security.

126. (new)The system of claim 120, wherein at least one security-specific order preference for at least one security comprises a default stop loss price for at least one security.

127. (new)The system of claim 120, wherein at least one security-specific order preference for at least one security comprises a default lot indicator to be used for transactions of at least one security.

128. (new)The system of claim 120, wherein at least one security-specific order preference for at least one security comprises a default limit price indicator for at least one security.

129. (new) The system of claim 120, wherein the program instructions are further executable to:

present an order placement window to the user, wherein the order placement window comprises one or more user interface elements that allow the user to override one or more of the security-specific order preferences.

130. (new) A carrier medium comprising program instructions, wherein the program instructions are executable to implement:

receiving input comprising at least one generic security order preference;  
storing at least one generic security order preference in a memory; and  
automatically using at least one generic security order preference as a default value in response to a user placing an order for at least one security for which a security-specific order preference has not been defined. (or a portion has not been defined?)

131. (new) The carrier medium of claim 130, wherein receiving input comprising at least one generic security order preference comprises presenting a generic security order preferences window to the user, wherein the generic security order preferences window comprises one or more user interface elements that allow the user to specify at least one generic security order preference for securities for which a security-specific order preference has not been defined.

132. (new) The carrier medium of claim 130, wherein at least one generic security order preference comprises a number of shares to be used as a default if no security-specific default number of shares is defined for a security.

133. (new) The carrier medium of claim 130, wherein at least one generic security order preference comprises a dollar amount of a transaction to be used as a default if no security-

specific default dollar amount is defined for a security.

134. (new)The carrier medium of claim 130, wherein at least one generic security order preference comprises a limit price to be used as a default if no security-specific default limit price is defined for a security.

135. (new)The carrier medium of claim 130, wherein at least one generic security order preference comprises a trailing stop price to be used as a default if no security-specific default trailing stop price is defined for a security.

136. (new)The carrier medium of claim 130, wherein at least one generic security order preference comprises a stop loss price to be used as a default if no security-specific default stop loss price is defined for a security.

137. (new)The carrier medium of claim 130, wherein at least one generic security order preference comprises a lot indicator to be used as a default if no security-specific default lot indicator is defined for a security.

138. (new)The carrier medium of claim 130, wherein at least one generic security order preference comprises a limit price indicator to be used as a default if no security-specific default limit price indicator is defined for a security.

139. (new)The carrier medium of claim 130, wherein the program instructions are further executable to implement:

- presenting an order placement window to the user;
- prompting the user to enter a security symbol of a security to be traded;
- presenting order preferences received from the user in the order

preferences window as default values, wherein if no security-specific order preferences have been received from the user for the security to be traded, then order preferences presented comprises at least one generic order preference.

140. (new) The carrier medium of claim 139, wherein the program instructions are further executable to implement receiving input from the user modifying at least one of the default values to a desired value.

141. (new) The carrier medium of claim 139, wherein the program instructions are further executable to implement submitting an order for execution based on information in the order placement window.

142. (new) The carrier medium of claim 139, wherein the program instructions are further executable to implement sending an acknowledgement to the user upon execution of the order.

143. (new) The carrier medium of claim 130, wherein receiving input comprising at least one generic security order preference comprises providing a web page to the user, wherein the web page comprises controls that allow the user to enter at least one generic security order preference.

144. (new) The carrier medium of claim 130, wherein the program instructions are further executable to implement:

receiving input comprising at least one security-specific order preference for at least one security;

storing at least one security-specific order preference in a memory; and  
automatically using at least one security-specific order as a default value in response to  
the user placing an order for at least one security for which at least one security-

specific order preference has been stored.

145. (new)The carrier medium of claim 144, wherein receiving input comprising at least one security-specific order preference for at least one security comprises presenting a security-specific order preferences window to the user, wherein the security-specific order preferences window comprises one or more user interface elements that allow the user to specify at least one security-specific order preference for at least one security.

146. (new)The carrier medium of claim 144, wherein at least one security-specific order preference for at least one security comprises a default number of shares of at least one security to be traded during a transaction.

147. (new)The carrier medium of claim 144, wherein at least one security-specific order preference for at least one security comprises a default dollar amount of at least one security to be traded during a transaction.

148. (new)The carrier medium of claim 144, wherein at least one security-specific order preference for at least one security comprises a default limit price for at least one security.

149. (new)The carrier medium of claim 144, wherein at least one security-specific order preference for at least one security comprises a default trailing stop price for at least one security.

150. (new)The carrier medium of claim 144, wherein at least one security-specific order preference for at least one security comprises a default stop loss price for at least one security.

151. (new)The carrier medium of claim 144, wherein at least one security-specific order

preference for at least one security comprises a default lot indicator to be used for transactions of at least one security.

152. (new) The carrier medium of claim 144, wherein at least one security-specific order preference for at least one security comprises a default limit price indicator for at least one security.

153. (new) The carrier medium of claim 144, wherein the program instructions are further executable to implement:

presenting an order placement window to the user, wherein the order placement window comprises one or more user interface elements that allow the user to override one or more of the security-specific order preferences.

154. (new) A method, comprising:

providing an order placement window for a particular security, wherein the order placement window comprises a plurality of input elements for specifying an order for the particular security;

displaying at least one default value in at least one input element, wherein at least one default value corresponds to an order preference defined for the particular security or a generic order preference if no order preference for the particular security is defined; and

placing an order for the particular security based on information in the order placement window.

155. (new) The method of claim 154, further comprising receiving input modifying at least one default value to a desired value for the transaction before placing the order.

156. (new) The method of claim 154, wherein the order is placed based on at least one default value.

157. (new) The method of claim 154, wherein placing the order does not require receiving additional order information.

158. (new) A system comprising:  
at least one computer system coupled to a network;  
at least one memory couple to the computer system;  
wherein at least one memory comprises program instructions, wherein the program  
instructions are executable by at least one computer system to:  
provide an order placement window for a particular security, wherein the order placement  
window comprises a plurality of input elements for specifying an order for the  
particular security;  
display at least one default value in at least one input element, wherein at least one default  
value corresponds to an order preference defined for the particular security or a  
generic order preference if no order preference for the particular security is  
defined; and  
place an order for the particular security based on information in the order placement  
window.

159. (new) A carrier medium comprising program instructions, wherein the program  
instructions are executable to implement:  
providing an order placement window for a particular security, wherein the order  
placement window comprises a plurality of input elements for specifying an order  
for the particular security;  
displaying at least one default value in at least one input element, wherein at least one

default value corresponds to an order preference defined for the particular security or a generic order preference if no order preference for the particular security is defined; and  
placing an order for the particular security based on information in the order placement window.